

# Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

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Compliments to the Homecoming Committee for their efforts, commitment, dedication and very hard work that was well done.

Much gratitude and genuine appreciation to our beloved pastor, Deacon Board, Mother Board, Members of Atkinson Chapel, families, visitors and friends for their cooperation, participation, enthusiasm, faith and prayers. Together with the help of God this project was successful.

The Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Family wish to express our appreciation for all who celebrated with us on this joyous occasion.

A special thanks to the Omega Printing Company who is responsible for the typing and printing of our Homecoming Book. May God bless each of you.

Sincerely yours,  
THE STEERING AND COMPLING COMMITTEE

Doris S. King  
Dorothy Durham  
~~Pauline B. Williams~~

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## Theme:

Vision for the Future

## Scripture:

And he sought God in  
the days of Zechariah who  
had understanding in the  
visions of God: and as long  
as he sought the Lord, God  
made him to prosper.

*II Chronicles 26:5*



# Meditations

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he maketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, In those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the Lord O' Jerusalem, praise thy God, O' Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word and melteth them he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

*Psalms 147:1—20*





Rev. C. B. Chadwick, Pastor

# From the Pastor's Desk



My fellow laborers in Christ Jesus, I greet you and congratulate you on this your one hundredth and tenth anniversary.

Through many dangerous toils and snares you have already come thus far by the grace of the Almighty God.

From a humble beginning the founders of this church set out on a voyage of a life of service to God; you, their descendants are on and must continue the voyage until you reach the city of peace.

One much wiser than I said, *"We are all caught up in a network of mutuality, wrapped in a single garment of destiny, and what affects one of us directly, affects all of us indirectly."*

Thus the challenge before us is to come together as never before in unity, that we may keep up the visions of our forefathers, we must not live by bread alone, but by the work of God and God's word says, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish."*

It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Harriet du Autermont has beautifully said:

*"No vision and you perish  
No ideal, and you're lost  
Your heart must ever cherish  
Some faith at any cost  
Some hope, some dream to cling to  
Some rainbow in the sky  
Some melody to sing to  
Some service that is high  
Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp  
Or what's a heaven for*

Best Wishes,  
Rev. C.B. Chadwick, Jr.

# *The Celebration of our 110th Anniversary and Homecoming*

July 27, 1986

11:00 a.m.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship.....PASTOR CHADWICK  
Opening Selection.....CHOIR  
Invocation.....PASTOR CHADWICK  
Chant.....CHOIR  
First Hymn.....CHOIR  
Responsive Reading.....SISTER PAULINE B. WILLIAMS  
Scripture Reading.....REVEREND JAMES KING  
Prayer.....DEACON EDWARD RODGERS  
Chant.....CHOIR  
Second Hymn.....CHOIR  
Mission Offering.....USHERS

*"All things come of thee O' Lord"*

Announcements and Recognition of Guests.....SISTER THELMA ISLER  
Welcome.....SISTER DOROTHY DURHAM  
Response.....SISTER EASTER HINSON  
.....MT. PLEASANT M.B. CHURCH  
Selection.....*"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"*.....CHOIR  
Children's Meditation.....DEACON JAMES RODGERS  
Tithes and General Offerings.....  
.....DEACONS WILLIE T. BEST, AND SWINDELL ISLER AND TRUSTEE NYMPHES DURHAM

*"All Things Come of Thee, O' Lord"*

Selection.....*"Nothing but the blood of Jesus"*.....CHOIR  
Preparation for Holy Communion.....DEACONS  
Spiritual Selection.....CHOIR  
Sermon.....PASTOR CHADWICK  
Invitational Selection.....CHOIR  
Holy Communion.....PASTOR CHADWICK  
Communion Prayer.....DEACON CLARENCE THOMPSON  
Altar Prayer and Prayer for Sick.....PASTOR CHADWICK  
Doxology.....CHOIR  
Benediction.....PASTOR CHADWICK

3:00 P.M. SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REVEREND EARL JONES AND CHOIR FROM MACEDONIA M.B. CHURCH, FARMVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA





## City of Goldsboro

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 18, 1986

Reverend C. B. Chadwick  
Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
Route 11  
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Dear Reverend Chadwick:

On behalf of the Board of Aldermen and the City of Goldsboro, I am very pleased to express the City's congratulations to the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on its 110th anniversary.

There have been incredible changes since July 27, 1876, but for your congregation the church has and continues to be a source of stability and strength. An anniversary of 110 years is a long time but I know that the church is still vital, young and growing.

The true strength of a community does not grow from organizations or institutions, it is contained in the moral values and strength of its people. Therefore, the City of Goldsboro owes you and other area churches a deep debt of gratitude.

You can be very proud of your accomplishments during the past 110 years. But I ask that you will continue to serve the spiritual needs of our community. These are confusing and trying times and I know that your efforts will continue to be needed and appreciated.

I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the anniversary celebration due to a prior commitment. I am sure that the celebration will be a fitting tribute to your service.

Again, congratulations and thank you for the 110 years of service to the community.

Yours truly,

Hal K. Plonk  
Mayor



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**KENNETH H. BRINSON**  
Superintendent

June 24, 1986

Rev. C. B. Chadwick  
Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
Route 11  
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Dear Rev. Chadwick:

The Goldsboro City Board of Education and staff extend congratulations to the congregation of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church as it celebrates the Church's 110th Anniversary. We recognize that the Church has had a glorious history and has made many contributions to its members and to this community. We wish you the very best as you continue to minister to the needs of the congregation and to the entire community.

If we ever may be of service to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth H. Brinson", is written over the typed name.

Kenneth H. Brinson  
Superintendent

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cc: Ms. Pauline Williams



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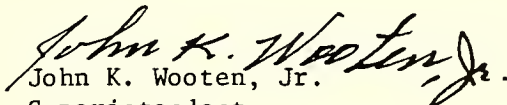
Dear Reverend Chadwick:

The opportunity of celebrating the 110th anniversary for any kind of an affair rarely comes in one's lifetime. We are fortunate that those of us now living can look with pride and admiration upon the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church as it celebrates its 110th anniversary. To keep active an organization for this period of time is an accomplishment that requires time, dedication, and effort. For the congregation and its membership over all these years, and in particular its present membership, commendations are in order and are so given to your entire constituency.

With people in your church of the caliber of Ms. Pauline Williams, there is little doubt but what this accomplishment has been made easier. Through her efforts and the efforts of other active participants, your church now enjoys a kind of distinction that rarely comes one's way. This distinction, of course, is polished and sophisticated by those persons like Ms. Williams who give of their time and talents toward making this our land a better place to live.

May God continue to share with each of you and your church the blessings of His goodness and may His winds of kindness ever blow to you good fortune.

Sincerely yours,

  
John K. Wooten, Jr.  
Superintendent

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# **COMMITTEES FOR 110th ANNIVERSARY**

## **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

Floyd Sykes, Sr., Chairman

Deacon Swindell Isler, Sr.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Doris King, Chairman

Ida Kornegay

## **CENTENNIAL MEAL COMMITTEE**

Mother Sadie Sykes, Chairman

Mary Isler

## **DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Vernestine Moses, Chairman

Dorothy Durham

Doris King

## **HISTORIAN AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

Pauline B. Williams, Chairman

Deacon Edward Rodgers

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Deacon Clarence Thompson, Chairman

Eunice Durham

## **COMPILING, STEERING AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Dorothy Durham

Doris King

Pauline B. Williams





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**History:**

# **THE HISTORY OF ATKINSON CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE BEGINNING 1876-1986**

There are no records as to when the church was organized, but according to the deed of trust, an indenture was made July 17, 1876 between Rufus Edmundson, Peter Faison, Jackson Person, and Kedar Faison, trustees and was called Atkinson Chapel Colored Baptist Church.

The church has been in the same location on the present site in the County of Wayne on a land formerly owned by H. Atkinson and adjourning the land of Ethrldene Herrings' heirs.

We do not have information available on the names of our forefathers who participated in the foundation of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

## **OUR EARLY PASTORS, DEACONS, OTHER OFFICIALS AND WOMEN**

Some of the early pastors were Reverend R.C. Carroll, who was the uncle of Deacon James White, Sr. in Goldsboro; Reverend Eugene Moye, Reverend Andrews, Reverend James, Reverend C. Pate, Reverend J.S. Lyons and Reverend W.C. Thompson.

Some of the Deacons were Edward White, Isaac Harper, Handy Carroll, Henry Draughorn, Charlie Rodgers, Sr., Johny Cox, William Sykes, Jack Thompson, Eugene Croom, Johnny Joseph Best, Poke Thompson and Leamon Sykes, Sr..

Other officials were, Willie J. Rodgers, Church Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent; Charlie Rodgers, Jr., Secretary of Sunday School Department; Huel J. Rodgers, Church Clerk, pianist and Sunday School Teacher; John Wilbert Sykes, trustee and treasurer of the choir and David Rodgers, pianist.

Emma Barnes Lyons worked diligently in the Sunday School, Missionary Circle, Mother's Board, in the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, the Union and the Women's Auxiliary.

Delia Best Rodgers, Eliza Gertrude Thompson Best, Mary S. Cox, Lillie Harper, Helen D. Rodgers, Smithie Thompson and Mable Sykes were Mothers of the Church.

## **ATKINSON CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE MOVE**

In 1956 Reverend S.J. Jones from Elm City, North Carolina was elected our pastor. Under his administration the interior of the church was replaced with sheet rock and painted.

The Holy Bible says in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 18 Verse 19 - *"again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven"*. So we were able to replace the coal burning stove with gas heaters.

1957 Reverend S.J. Jones asked that we begin an Altar call for prayer each Sunday morning after service. This practice is still a part of our worship service.

1963 our beautiful pulpit set was purchased. Sister Mable Sykes was elected Home Mission secretary.

January 26, 1963 Reverend S.J. Jones resigned as pastor of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Later in the same year Reverend W.V. Prichett who came from Newport, North Carolina was voted on and accepted as our pastor.

1974 - The Sunday School Gospel Chorus was organized under the leadership of Reverend W.V. Prichett. The organizer & president was brother James King. The Chorus celebrated it's First Anniversary, 1975.

They sang on many occasions and added strength to our church through the Youth Department in the ministry of music.

Reverend Prichett was an outstanding and dedicated pastor who worked faithfully to perpetuate the great heritage.

In 1964 the church voted Deacon Edward Rodgers, superintendent of the Sunday School and Huel J. Rodgers, teacher.

In 1965, the floor was carpeted, also the church purchased a piano.

Deacon Edward Rodgers was appointed by the church to purchase (25) chairs and Deacon Leamon Sykes was appointed by church to purchase tables for the fellowship hall.

In 1967 the top on the church was replaced with shingles.

The idea for a regular prayer meeting was initiated by Deacon Willie T. Best for every Wednesday night. Revival was held in June.

We made great progress by the help of the almighty God under the leadership of Reverend Pritchett.

### **BUILDING PROGRAM 1971 THE PRESENT**

Reverend Pritchett urged all members to support the building fund.

In 1971, the church was remodeled. It was bricked by Reverend Whitfield and our Deacons. The cornerstone laying was completed and was engraved on the cornerstone with the following name:

Pastor W.V. Pritchett, Deacon Clarence Thompson, Deacon Edward Rodgers, Deacon James Rodgers, Deacon Willie Best, and Deacon Swindell Isler, Trustee James King.

In 1972 new pews were purchased.

First Contestant from our Church for Goldsboro Wayne Branch for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people. Mother of the Year in 1974 was Sister Doris Sykes King.

Another contestant for several years was Mother Mary H. Battle.

*"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."*

In 1977, the robes for choir was purchased by the church.

In 1977 these members were put on our Honor Roll: Sister Priscilla Best, Sister Bettie Braswell, both now deceased; Sister Beulah Ferrell and Deacon Willie T. Best.

A Baptismal pool was constructed in 1977. The first person to be baptized in the pool was Linwood Earl Exum.

In 1980 a kitchen and a fellowship hall were constructed and completely furnished. The church has two restrooms, a Pastor's study, a choir court, a corridor, vestibule, a communion table set, an office for staff and clerks, dressing room for choir members and utility room.

Dedication service for Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church was held September 28, 1980 with Reverend W.V. Pritchett as Pastor.

Rev. Pritchett preached his farewell sermon December 1980. The reason for his resignation was that his other churches wanted him to serve them twice a month.

Rev. A.M. Kelly of Grantsboro, North Carolina was elected pastor of this church in January 1981. Reverend Kelly was a faithful and spiritual leader.

His aim was to help our church to move forward. Reverend Kelly organized the first Bible Study class while pastoring at this church.

Reverend Kelly initiated the idea of helping the youth to grow through Children's Meditation. It has added spiritual endeavors to our youth. Our leader is Sister Doris S. King. She is doing an excellent job with the youth.

Reverend Kelly and the church gave Sister Pauline B. Williams the responsibility for printed church programs in 1983. This was another first for our church. He resigned in 1984.

### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1980'S**

Reverend C.B. Chadwick was elected in May 1985, and is still our pastor.

Reverend Chadwick initiated the idea of a youth and young adult choir. He is a firm believer in *"train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it"*. Sister Vernestine Moses and Sister Thelma Isler have organized a youth choir and they are singing to the glory of God. They are doing a great job.

Sister Pauline B. Williams won the title for Goldsboro Wayne Branch for the NAACP Mother of the Year in 1985 for Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.

Sister Doris Sykes King was Contestant for our Church in 1986 and was fourth runner up, for the Goldsboro-Wayne Branch For The National Association For The Advancement of Colored People.

Brother James King preached his initial sermon March 23, 1986.

The church pews were cushioned in February 1986 for the added comfort of the worshippers.

Rev. Chadwick is doing an excellent job as pastor. He is reaching out to strengthen the church. At present he has five deacons working with him and a membership of seventy for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom which was started in Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church by our dedicated pioneers many years ago.

# Pioneers of Our Church

Reverend Joe Bowden  
Deacon Edward White  
Deacon Isaac Harper  
Deacon Handy Carroll  
Deacon Henry Draughorn  
Deacon Charlie Rodgers, Sr.  
Deacon John Cox  
Deacon Jack Thompson  
Deacon Eugene Croom  
Deacon Joseph Best  
Deacon Poke Thompson  
Deacon Leamon Sykes  
Brother Willie J. Rodgers  
Brother Charlie Rodgers, Jr.  
Brother Huel J. Rodgers  
Brother John Wilbert Sykes, Sr.  
Brother David Rodgers  
Mother Emma Barnes Lyons  
Mother Delia Best Rodgers  
Mother Eliza Gertrude Thompson Best  
Mother Mary S. Cox  
Mother Lille Harper  
Mother Helen D. Rodgers  
Mother Smithie Thompson  
Mother Mable Sykes  
Brother Luby Cox  
Brother Freddie Cox  
Brother Leonard Best  
Sister Lillie Williams  
Sister Della Brown  
Sister Beatrice Kornegay  
Sister Priscilla Best  
Brother James Kornegay  
Brother William Austin  
Sister Janice Carroll  
Sister Sarah Carroll

Sister Pearlle Brown  
Sister Eva Carroll  
Sister Della Dickerson  
Sister Emma Smith  
Sister Annie Atkinson Caley Lewis  
Sister Grace Leggett  
Sister Odell Cox  
Brother Ervin Brown  
Brother Jasper Atkinson  
Brother Kennon Rodgers  
Brother Jasper Atkinson  
Brother Shade Davis  
Sister Louisa Davis  
Sister Winnie Lassiter  
Sister Melissa King  
Sister Lillie Mae Cox  
Sister Sara Mozzelle Cox  
Sister Rebecca Austin  
Sister Amy Austin  
Sister Rosa Austin  
Sister Dorres Austin  
Brother Arthur Davis  
Sister Martha Davis  
Sister Mary Austin  
Sister Mude Austin  
Brother Herman Simmons  
Brother Joseph Rodgers  
Brother Kennon Rodgers  
Brother Frank Bowden  
Sister Sallie Leggett  
Brother Milford Leggett  
Sister Betty Braswell  
Brother Preston Brown  
Brother John Lee Cox

If there are names that are omitted please forgive us!



# Auxiliaries



## Board of Deacons



Left to right: James Rodgers, Edward Rodgers, Willie Best, Pastor Chadwick, Swindell Isler, Clarence Thompson, Chairman

## Mother Board



Left to right: Mary Baldwin, Beulah Ferrell, Sadie B. Sykes, (Chairman) Mary Battle

## Clerks



Ida Kornegay, Eunice Durham, Pauline B. Williams

## Homemission Circle



**Officers:** Sadie B. Sykes, Pres.; Eunice Durham, Vice Pres.; Doris S. King, Sec.; Pauline B. Williams, Treas.; (not pictured; Dorothy Durham)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



**Officers:** Swindell Isler, Supt.; Edward Rodgers, Asst. Supt.; James Rodgers, Treas.

## Choir #1



**Officers:** Sadie B. Sykes, Pres.; Mary R. Durham, Vice Pres.; Pauline B. Williams, Sec.; Curley Isler, Treas.



## CHOIR #2



**Officers:** Mary Isler, Pres.; Florence V. Exum, Vice Pres.; Thelma Isler, Sec.; John Isler, Treas.

## Ushers



**Officers:** Clarence Thompson, Pres.; Donald Isler, Vice Pres.; Rosalena Barnes, Sec.; Eunice Durham, Treas.

## Pastor Aide's Club



**Officers:** Pauline B. Williams, Pres.; Dorothy Durham, Vice Pres. (Not Pictured) Sadie B. Sykes, Sec.; Swindell Isler, Treas.

## Children's Meditation



**Leader:** Doris S. King

## Kitchen Committee



**Chairman:** Mary R. Durham

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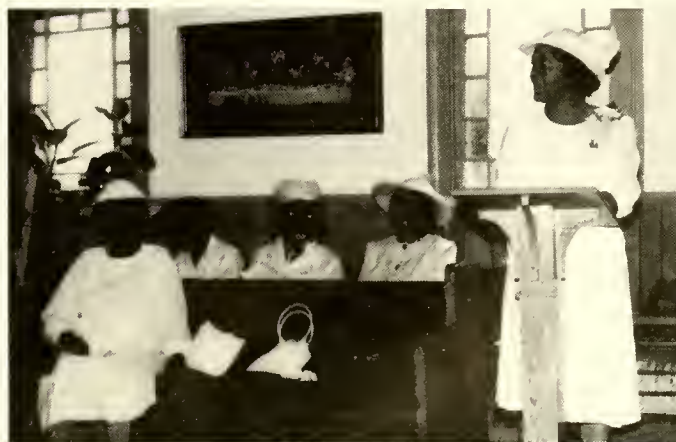




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# In Memoriam

*A Good name is better than  
precious ointment; and the day of  
death than the day of one's birth.*

*It is better to go to the house  
of mourning, than to go to the house  
of feasting: for that is the end of all,  
men; and the living will lay it to  
his heart.*

Ecclesiastes 7:1-2





**Mrs. Eliza Gertrude Thompson Best**

March 1, 1898 — September 5, 1961

In loving memory of my wife and our Mother. She was a loving wife and devoted Mother - one who, put the welfare and well-being of her family ahead of everything else.

Her entire life was spent in Wayne County where she was well known and well loved for the fine example of Christian living she exemplified in her everyday life.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and joined Wood's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. A few years afterwards, she joined the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a dutiful member until the end. She served the church in various capacities but seemed more proud of her position as a "Mother" of the church than any other.

*Weep not for me, but be content,  
I was not yours, but only lent,  
Wipe off those tears, and weep no more,  
I'm not dead, but just gone on before.*

Your Devoted Family  
Husband Deacon Willie Troy Best  
Children

\*Leonard Best  
Pauline B. Williams  
Dorothy B. Lee  
Katherine Best  
Willie Mae B. Taylor  
Velma B. Dockery

Alice B. Broadhurst  
Hilda B. Brown  
William Best  
Burden Best  
\*Betty Best  
Lola B. Bourne

By  
William Best and Pauline B. Williams

*"In Memory of"*  
**JACK THOMPSON AND LILLIE JACOBS**

It only takes a little space to tell you how much we miss you;  
But it will take a whole life through to forget the day we lost you.

Until memory fades and life departs  
you will live forever in our hearts.

Your Children

\* Huel



Leora-Lee  
Arleatha  
Isadora  
Jack-(Boat)  
\*Needham Roosevelt  
Mary Ellen  
Edna  
Wendell

Delorease-Minnie  
Clarence &  
\*Clara, twins  
Esther  
Nathan  
Aaron  
Miriam Adelaide



## *Loving Memories*

*Our Father “**Robert Lee Royal**”*

*He wished no one a last farewell,*

*Or even said good-bye.*

*He had gone before we knew it*

*And only God knows why.*

*Sincere and kind in heart and mind*

*What a beautiful memory he left behind.*

Your Children

RACHEL

EASTER

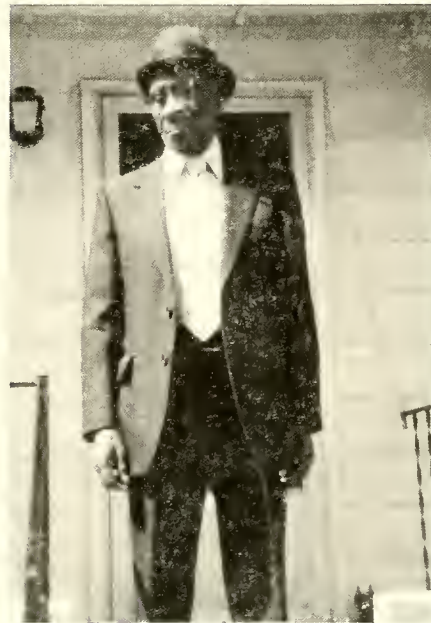
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GEORGE

MACIE

DOCK

FRANK





## MELISSA KING

August 21, 1968-August 10, 1981

In loving memory of our daughter and our sister whom we remember with graciousness and never ending love. We feel privileged to have had her for the short twelve years because she instilled within us cheer, comfort, hope and inspiration. She will always be remembered by that sunshine she had in her smile. She was even called 'smiley' by some. She loved her church dearly especially the "gospel chorus," and the Sunday School. She received a certificate for perfect attendance. With her smiles she made our day seem brighter and our burdens seemed lighter. She knew that time was not measured by the years that you live, but by the deeds that you do, and the joy that you give. She gave of herself away not one day, but every day because she knew that he who gives of himself will find, true joy of heart and peace of mind.

### "This Too Will Pass Away"

*If I can endure for this minute  
Whatever is happening to me,  
No matter how heavy my heart is  
or how dark the moment may be.  
If I can remain calm and quiet  
with all my world crashing about me,  
Secure in the knowledge God loves me  
When everyone else seem to doubt me.  
If I can but keep on believing  
What I know in my heart to be true,  
That "darkness will fade with the morning"  
And that this will pass away, too.*

*Then nothing in life can defeat me  
For as long as this knowledge remains  
I can suffer whatever is happening  
For I know God will break "All the  
Chains"  
That are binding me tight in "The  
Darkness"  
And trying to fill me with fear  
For there is no night without dawning  
And I know that "My Morning" is near.*

James, Doris, Anthony, Teresa & Felicia

*In Memory of* **Needham Roosevelt Thompson**



*In Memory of Needham Roosevelt Thompson*

*In countless, gentle, kindly ways  
He lived a sermon all his days  
Believing in the folk he knew  
And making friends his life time through.  
Enjoying life work and fun  
He sought the best in everyone.  
Living his faith from day to day  
He sowed good seeds along the way.  
Now death has set his spirit free  
In fields of immortality.  
To claim a task of greater worth  
Than any he had known on earth.*

Wife and Son  
Doris Smith & Kelvin

## Bro. John Wilbert Sykes, Sr.

Bro. John Wilbert Sykes, Sr.  
November 2, 1918 - September 17, 1963



In loving memory of my husband and our father, whom we remember as an ordinary person, but very special, just another worker in God's Vineyard. He was very dedicated to his family and his church. No responsibilities were ever shunned. We will remember him as a gentle and calm person who could make anyone feel at home. His love was just like magic because with us it still remains.

### *God Knows Best:*

*Our Father knows what's best for us  
So why should we complain  
We Always want the sunshine  
But He knows there must be rain  
We love the sound of laughter  
And the Merriment of Cheer,  
But our hearts would lose their tenderness  
If we never shed a tear.  
Our Father tests us often  
With suffering and with sorrow,  
He tests us, not to punish us,  
But to help us meet tomorrow.  
For growing trees are strengthened  
When they withstand the storm  
And the sharp cut of the chisel  
Gives the marble grace and form.*

*God never hurts us needlessly,  
And He never wastes our pain,  
For every loss He sends to us  
Is followed by rich gain  
And when we count the blessings  
That God has so freely sent,  
We will find no cause for murmuring  
And no time to lament.  
For our Father loves His children  
And to Him all things are plain,  
So He never sends us pleasure  
When the soul's deep need is pain.  
So whenever we are troubled  
And when everything goes wrong,  
It is just God working in us  
To make our spirit strong.*



\*Elnora Sykes  
Vernon F. Sykes, Sr.  
Virginia S. Taylor  
Doris S. King  
Floyd M. Sykes, Sr.  
Florence S. Cole Exum  
Catherlene S. Linton

Mother Sadie Bell Brown Sykes  
and Children

John W. Sykes, Jr.  
Alberta S. Barnes  
\*Joseph Sykes  
Jerry M. Sykes  
\*Deceased



*In  
Memory  
of*



Mrs. Lyons worked diligently in Sunday School, Missionary Circle, Mother's Board and the church as long as health permitted her. She served as church treasurer and announcer for many years. She was a loving friend, mother and grandmother.

**MRS. EMMA RODGERS BARNES LYONS**

1895-1970

Rose Lyons Smith, daughter and  
Melvyn & Deirdre Smith, grandchildren

*In  
Memory  
of*



**HUEL JAMES RODGERS**

1918-1966

Huel James Rodgers was a faithful member of Atkinson Chapel Church from early childhood until he died. He served such capacities as, Sunday School teacher, church pianist, and church clerk.

He was a genuine brother and friend.

by  
Rose Lyons Smith, sister

*In Loving Memory and Dedication*

**MRS. HELEN D. RODGERS**

*"A faithful Christian, Wife and Mother"*



June 2, 1913-Sept. 21, 1976

At an early age, Helen professed Christ and became a Christian. She joined the Atkinson Missionary Baptist Church and spent many years serving as a Mother of the Church, in the Sunday School, Bear Creek Missionary Unions and the Home Missionary Circle. She gave most freely her time to talk with and counsel those who were in need of help and advice.

*You left a beautiful memory, a sorrow too great to be told  
But to us who loved and lost you, your memory will never grow old.  
Some day we'll meet again, our love one gone before,  
Some day we'll reach that happy land where parting is no more.*

*Your Devoted Family*

*(Husband) Edward (Buster) Rodgers*

*(Mother of) Linwood E. Rodgers*

*Nathan L. Rodgers*

*Rosalena F. Barnes*

*Willie E. Rodgers*

*Helen A. Rodgers*

*Clynethia Smith*

## *Poem— We Must Carry On*

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*This church was built 100 years and more  
We were not there, History tells us so  
Our forefathers work from Sunday to Sunday  
They started the task and wanted it done  
Some were called to heaven by our Almighty God  
From their cares and toiling, to get their reward  
We must keep working until the day is done  
The battle is not over until the victory is won  
We thank you Lord everyday  
For having a Church to sing and pray  
“Dedicated to You Lord”*

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Composed by - MARY R. DURHAM

Husband - THEODORE DURHAM

Son and Wife - MILTON AND CLORETHA DURHAM

Daughter and Husband- MARY C. AND LARRY STEWART

Grandchildren - ANTOINE' AND ALICIA DURHAM

In Memory of Our Mother

**Clara Thompson Jones**

We loved you even though you did not stay with  
us a long time.

Your Children

Ralpheal

Peggy Ann



Clara (twin to) Deacon Clarence Thompson

Your Sisters & Brothers



*In Loving Memory  
Of My Husband and Daddy*

**James Haywood Hinson**

*Haywood you have been missed so very much.*

*Your quiet smile, and gentle touch.*

*We never said we loved you as often as we should.*

*We shared our love, "Then" long, long, ago before this day.  
So all that is left is Mama and me, But don't worry about her,  
Because we will be as close to each other as you were to us.*

*We loved you.*

*Your wife Easter R. Hinson and  
daughter Estelle (Sister) Grigsby*



**PA PA**

Pa Pa was a good man  
Tall, handsome, strong and true  
But God saw fit to take you home  
And there was nothing we could do.

But just now we are satisfied,  
With the decision that God made  
Because Pa Pa is in heaven above  
And his debts have been paid.

Your Grandchildren

Monty

Sandra

Kanita

Whilhemina

Your Great grands too: Jerome & Prince

# Tribute for **JOHNNY M. BRYANT**



*Johnny you will end with the end of this day  
You never again will pass this way,  
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide  
Why build a bridge to span the tide  
The man lifted his head,  
Looked his speaker straight in the eye  
and then said  
Others must cross this bridge in the twilight dim,  
Good friends, I am building this bridge  
for him and them.*

Wife

**RACHEL R. BRYANT**

*\*In memory of Father,*  
**Issac Harper Sr.,**

Mother Lille Atkinson Harper,  
Granddaughter, Tonya Paulette Isler



**Esther Harper Isler,**  
Daughter and Grandmother

Husband: John Wesley Isler, Sr.  
Children: John Wesley Isler, Jr.

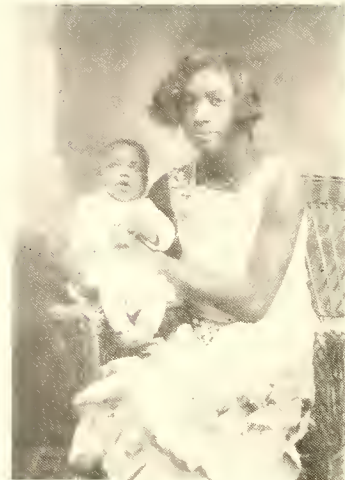
Curley Lee Isler  
Esther Mae Isler Johnson  
Larry Eugene Isler  
Marie Isler

Elvis Ray Isler  
Randolph Isler  
Swindell Isler  
Charles Thadeus Isler

*In memory of my brother, aunt and uncles*



**Brother Major James Cox**



**Aunt — Odell Cox Harrison & son  
Uncles Freddie Cox and Luby Cox**

I keep in mind when day is done  
and birds are gone to rest  
The pleasant and lovely things  
by which my life is blessed.

And ere I close my eyes in sleep  
I say a little prayer  
of thanks to God for all his love  
and for His loving care.

**GERALDINE COX ATKINSON**

*Tribute*

To our Father **William Austin** and Mother **Mary Austin**

\*Lillie

\*Theodore

\*Mariam

Beulah

\*Fred Howard

\*Willie James (Pete)

\*Luby

Addie

Hezekiah

\*Pauline



Submitted by Mrs. Beulah Ferrell

\*Deceased



## *In Loving Memory of Our Mother*

### **Mrs. Lou Pearl Cox Brown**

was born November 19th, 1888 and departed this life May 1957.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Len Cox and the wife of Mr. Preston Brown.

She was called (Mrs. Pearlie) by the members of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Pealie was a member of Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Choir until her health failed.

She was the mother of ten (10) children: Five (5) daughters — Five (5) sons.

Mrs. Mable B. Johnson

\* Ervin Brown

Mrs. Geneva B. Broadhurst

Edward Brown

Mrs. Sadie B. Sykes

\*Eddie Brown

\* Mrs. Naomi B. Buckrham

James Brown

Mrs. Mamie B. Exum

Melford Brown

Our love and memories of her will always be cherished.

Submitted by Mrs. Mamie B. Exum

\*Deceased

## *In Loving Memory of Our Mother and Grandmother*

### **Mrs. Ida Armstrong Best**

She was a Sunday School teacher, and worked in the Missionary Circle in Atkinson Chapel, M.B. Church. She was also a Minister.

By

Reverend Juanita Simmons

Mrs. Minnie Best

Mrs. L.L. Davis

and

Grandchildren

**“In My Father’s House Are Many Mansions”**

St. John 14:2

*In Memory of My Beloved Husband*

**DAVID RODGERS**



**David served as a pianist for the church.  
He was a faithful Member.  
By His Devoted Wife Nebraska Rodgers**

*In Remembrance of*



**Lillie Bell Draughorn and Samuel Jones  
Eddie B. Uzzell, Rosalie Williams**

**Emma Ruth Jones Uzzell  
& Family = Marjorie Dozier, Thera Uzzell and Marilyn Givens**

## *In Loving Memory of My Father and Mother*



December 18-1888  
November 6 - 1964

### **MR. CHARLIE RODGERS, SR.**

Mr. Charlie Rodgers, Sr. was a faithful and loving Christian. He was a Deacon in Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.



October 28-1890  
November 16-1947

### **MRS. DELIA BEST RODGERS**

Mrs. Delia Best Rodgers was a dutiful and dedicated Christian. She was a Mother in Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.

By Deacon James Rodgers

## *In Loving Memory of My Beloved Father and Mother*

### **MR. ISSAC HARPER**

Mr. Isaac Harper was a dedicated Deacon in Atkinson's Chapel M.B. Church.



### **MRS. LILLE B. ATKINSON HARPER**

Mrs. Lillie B. Atkinson Harper was a devoted Mother in Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.

February 12, 1886  
November 10, 1972



August 24-1882  
August 14-1969

By your Daughter Mother Mary H. Battle  
Son-in-law Mr. Nathan Battle, Sr.  
Granddaughter Mrs. Lillie B. Bryant  
Grandson Mr. Nathaniel Battle, Jr.

Granddaughter Daughter-in-law Mrs. Margaret G. Battle  
Grandson-in-law Mr. Samuel Bryant

*In Memory of our Daddy, Brother and Uncle*

**James Best, Jr**

*Only Good Nite beloved - not farewell  
A little while and all His saints shall dwell.  
In Hollowed Union indivisible Good Nite  
Until we meet again before His throne,  
Clothed in spotless robe He gives His own.  
Until we know even as we are known  
Good Nite, Good Nite, Good Nite*

Children  
Melody & Peronza

Sister Elouise & Rufus Young



Brother John & Edna Best

Rufus Young, III Uncle  
Tia  
Terrance

John Jr.  
Chadwick  
Jennifer

Gregory

*In Loving Memory  
of our  
Father, Mother, and Brothers*

**Joseph Isaac Best**

February 29, 1892

January 26, 1956

He served as a Deacon in the church.

**Hattie Thompson Best**

November 5, 1895

January 16, 1951

**Walter Best**

December 21, 1917

March 27, 1980

**Joseph Paul Best**

April 28, 1932

January 3, 1976



*“The Lord is my Shepherd  
I shall not want”*

Mary B. Baldwin — daughter and sister

Peter Best — son and brother

Hattie B. Thompson — daughter and sister

Isaac Best — son and brother

Clara Searcy — daughter and sister

Claude Best — son and brother



*In Loving Memory  
of  
Our Brother and Sister*



**Leonard Best**

April 20, 1920  
September 22, 1978

**Betty Best**

October 3, 1938  
April 3, 1939

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Pauline B. Williams  
Dorothy B. Lee  
Katherine Best  
Willie Mae B. Taylor  
Alice B. Broadhurst

Hilda B. Brown  
William Best  
Burden Best  
Velma B. Dockery  
Lola B. Bourne

*“Gone, but not forgotten”*

by

Burden Best and Dorothy B. Lee

# *Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of Our Mother*

**Mrs. Priscilla T. Best**

March 22, 1882-July 12, 1982

Mrs. Mildred Smith  
Mrs. Canarie Spruill  
Mr. Jerome Best  
Mrs. Mary Lee Woodard

*There's an open gate at the end of the road  
Through which each must go alone  
And there in a light we cannot see  
Our Father claims his own.  
Beyond the gate your loved one  
Finds happiness and rest;  
And there is comfort in the thought  
That a loving God knows best.*



# DEACON JAMES RODGER'S FAMILY AND SISTER



DEACON JAMES RODGERS AND WIFE  
MOTHER PENNIA RODGERS

## CHILDREN

## MY SISTER



DONNELL RODGERS



MRS. EULA R. LEWIS



MARGARET RODGERS BEST

By Deacon James Rodgers

## *The Battle Family*



1916  
MOTHER MARY BATTLE

Mrs. Mary Battle. She is a  
Mother in the Church

Mr. Nathan Battle is a hard  
working man with a big heart.



1939  
MRS. MARGARET BATTLE  
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW



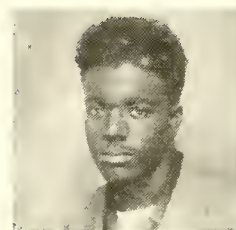
1913  
MR. NATHAN BATTLE  
HUSBAND



1938  
MR. NATHANIEL BATTLE  
SON



1935  
MRS. LILLIE BRYANT  
DAUGHTER



1931  
MR. SAMUEL BRYANT  
SON-IN-LAW

*In memory of my Mother, and Grandmother*  
**Mary Susan Cox and Lubertha Cox**



**MAMA BERTHA & MOTHER MARY**

**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

**St. John 14:1**

By Essie Mae Cox,  
Children, Grandchildren, & Daughters-in-laws  
John Harrison and Carolyn  
Jerry Wynn and Ann  
Grandchildren: T'Nita, Terry, and Marcus

In memory of my Mother, Father, Sister and Brother.

**John Harrison Cox (Johnny), Father Major James Cox (Bud), Brother  
Mozella Cox, Sister**



**MARY SUSAN BREWINGTON COX,  
Mother**

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou  
art with me; thy rod and thy staff they com-  
fort me.*

Psalms 23:4

*by*

Eunice Cox Durham, Daughter  
Family - Nymphes Durham, Husband  
Children - Lester, Carver, Mary, Vernell and  
D'Agata, and Sons-in-laws, Daughters-in-laws,  
and Grandchildren.





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Bryant, James  
Croom, Elwood  
Dixon, Raphael  
Dozier, Bobby  
Gregory, W.L.  
Kornegay, John  
Lane, Sylvester, Jr.  
Lawson, Thomas  
Leathers, Charles  
McLean, Booker*

*McLean, Howard  
Meadows Curtis  
Murphy Ozzie  
Raynor, Charles  
Singleton, James  
Smith, Raymond  
Smith, William  
Truitt, Paul  
Whitfield, Paul  
Wooten, Hubert  
Young, James*

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*As You Celebrate*  
**110 Years**

OF HOLDING HIGH  
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Deacon John H. Wooten

Deaconess Ernestine Wooten

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*Congratulations on your 110th Church Anniversary*

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Sister Loree Durham.....	Parliamentary
Sister Lillie Vaughan.....	Treasurer

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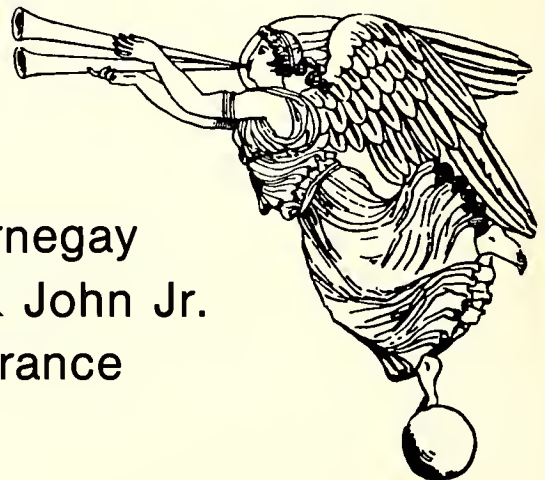
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Sister Olivia Durham  
Sister Fannie Ward  
Sister Joanna Durham  
Sister Margaret Body  
Sister Henrietta Best  
Sister Edna Battle

Sister Carol B. Bell  
Sister Sylvia E. Best  
Sister Mary Baldwin  
Sister Leora Best  
Sister Addie Leggett  
Brother Clifton Durham

*So Happy To Be A Part Of Our  
110th Anniversary*



John & Ida Kornegay  
Children: Merlin & John Jr.  
Grandson: Terrance





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**on your 110th Anniversary**

From the Kornegay Family  
in memory of our beloved ones:

**\*Jim Kornegay**  
**\*Jo Ann Kornegay**  
**\*James Lee Kornegay**  
**\*William Paul Kornegay**  
**Submitted by: Mary C. Kornegay**  
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**\*Deceased**

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Lindsay W. and Norma Geneva Haraway

by

Dorothy Haraway Durham

*Best Wishes on  
Our Church 110th  
Anniversary*

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Broadhurst  
and family

Our Sons and Daughter-in-law  
and Granddaughter

*Greetings and  
Congratulations*

on our Church's 110th Anniversary

by

DEACON WILLIE T. BEST and  
WIFE: MRS. THELMA B. BEST

**Congratulations  
on our 110th Anniversary**

JOHN WESLEY, JR., LINDA,  
MICHELLE, MONICA ISLER  
AND  
NEPHEWS

**Best Wishes on your  
110th Anniversary**

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Peterson

*Congratulations  
The Cogdell's*

*James, Mary,  
Maurice & Jere*

Greetings from the  
**DURHAM FAMILY and  
from MILLER'S CHAPEL  
AME ZION CHURCH.**

Nymphes & Eunice Durham Family

**In Honor of my FATHER**

**DEACON WILLIE T. BEST**

*God Bless You "Dad" On*

*Our 110th Anniversary*

Your Daughter and Son-in-law  
PAULINE B. WILLIAMS AND  
JOHN EARL (Sweet) WILLIAMS

## *"Best Wishes"*

*I "Clarence" greet you in this message to say how beautiful God's Garden of Life is, and if we trust in him there is much, much more beauty to behold.*

*I pray that my family is making preparation for a glorious celebration in Heaven.*

*So I will be able to clap my hands to my children and family and praise the Lord. And say to them: We made it.*



Lillie  
Louise  
Paulette  
Reginald

Billy  
Clarence, Jr.  
Betty Jean

*Congratulations on our 110th  
Anniversary*

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**DEACON SWINDELL ISLER AND FAMILY**



Left - Deacon Swindell Isler  
Right - Sister Mary D. Isler

Children: SP-4 Jonathan C. Isler (Picture in background)  
Sharon I. Richard  
C. Donald Isler (in back)  
Swindell Isler, Jr.  
Grandson: Quintin M. Isler



**Congratulations to Atkinson Chapel  
Missionary Baptist Church on your  
110th Anniversary.**

*"Climb Til Your Dream Comes  
True"*

*Often your tasks will be many and  
more than you think you can do*

*Often the road will be rugged and  
the hills insurmountable, too*

*But always remember the hills  
ahead are never as steep as they seem  
and with Faith in your heart start up-  
ward and climb til you reach your  
dream.*

Cleo Bowden, President of The Woman's Home and  
Foreign Missionary Auxiliary of The Bear Creek  
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*Congratulations on Your 110th  
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*Reverend and Mrs. Edward Rudolph  
and Daughter*

*In Loving Memory of My  
Father,*

**EDWARD WHITE and uncle,  
REVEREND RUFFIN CARROLL  
JAMES G. WHITE, SR.**

*In Loving Memory*

Of our Brothers and Sisters  
**CHARLIE RODGERS, JR. AND  
KENNON RODGERS  
MRS. MABLE SYKES AND  
MRS. EMMA SMITH**



Submitted by  
Mrs. Mary Rodgers Durham

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